TOWNSHIP OF NAHMA
(Delta)
REPORT ON RINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

### AUDITING PROCEDURES REPORT Issued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended. Filing is mandatory.

Local Govern	ment Ty X Town		] Village	Other	Local Government Name NAHMA TOWNSHI				Count	/ DELTA
Audit Date MARCH			Opinion		<u> </u>			ubmitted to Stat		
We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the Jactor Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan by the Michigan Department of Treasury.  MAY 1 9 2004										
We affirm that:  1. We have complied with the Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan as revised. ** FINANCE DIV.										
2. We are	2. We are certified public accountants registered to practice in Michigan.									
We further the report of			-			en disclos	ed in the fina	ncial statem	ents, includir	ng the notes, or in
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We have e	nclos	ed the	followi	ng:				Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required
The letter of	f comm	ents and	d recom	mendation	S,					x
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).										
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).						X				
Certified Public Accountant (Firm Name) RAY PAYMENT, CPA										
Street Address   City   ESCANABA   MI   49829						ZIP 49829				
Accountant Signature										

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May 10, 2004

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Township Board Township of Nahma Delta County, Michigan

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Township of Nahma, Michigan and the combining and individual fund financial statements of the Township as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Township of Nahma prepares its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of the State of Michigan, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. As further described in Note 3, the combined financial statements referred to above do not include financial statements of the General Fixed Asset Account Group, which should be included to conform with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The financial statements of the Nahma Township Water Fund for the year ended March 31, 2004, have not been included in the accompanying financial report. However, I have examined the financial statements of such fund and have issued my separate report thereon dated May 31, 2004.

Management has not presented government-wide statements to display the financial position and changes in financial position

NAHMA TOWNSHIP
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)

of its governmental activities, business-type activities, and discretely presented component units. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the presentation of government-wide financial statements. The amounts that would be reported in government-wide financial statements for the Township's governmental activities, business-type activities, and discretely presented component units are not reasonable determinable.

In my opinion, because of the effects of the matters discussed in the preceding paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township of Nahma as of March 31, 2004, or the changes in financial position or its cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended.

The financial statements referred to in the foregoing opinion are identified in the contents of this report. My examination was made primarily for the purpose of rendering an opinion on these basic financial statements, taken as a whole. The supplementary financial date identified in the contents, although not considered necessary for a fair presentation of financial position and results of operations, is presented primarily for supplemental analysis purposes. This additional information has been subjected to the audit procedures applied in the examination of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Ray L. Payment / / / Certified Public Accountant

## TOWNSHIP OF NAHMA COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS - ALL FUND TYPES MARCH 31, 2004

ASSETS:	Governmental Fund Type Special General Revenue				
Cash	\$ 28 321	<u>\$ 53 550</u>			
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 28 321	\$ 53 550			
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
Fund Equity:					
Fund Balance: Reserved Unreserved	_ 28_321_	53 550			
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	28 321	53 550			
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 28 321	\$ 53 550			

Fiduciary
Fund Type
Trust and
Agency

\$ -

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# TOWNSHIP OF NAHMA COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES - CASH BASIS YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

CASH RECEIPTS:	<u>General</u>	Special Revenue
Taxes and collection fees State grants	\$ 29 275 34 360	\$ 24 017
Interest and rentals Other	681 7 020	207 15 417
TOTAL RECEIPTS	71 336	39 641
CASH DISBURSEMENTS: Legislative General Government Public Safety Public works Recreation and culture Other	3 431 43 220 5 178 3 977 5 540 8 544	- 22 302 13 835
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	69 890	36 137
EXCESS OF CASH RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1 446	\$ 3 504
FUND BALANCE, April 1, 2003	26 875	50 046
FUND BALANCE, March 31, 2004	\$ 28 321	\$ 53 550

# TOWNSHIP OF NAHMA COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES - CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

		General Fund	
CASH RECEIPTS:	Budget Amount	Actual Amount	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Taxes State grants Interest and rentals Other	\$ 25 985 37 150 1 304 2 927	\$ 29 275 34 360 681 7 020	\$ 3 290 ( 2 790) ( 623) 4 093
TOTAL RECEIPTS	67 366	71 336	3 970
CASH DISBURSEMENTS: Legislative General government Public safety Public works Recreation and culture Other	4 300 51 450 5 975 4 800 7 180 20 536	3 431 43 220 5 178 3 977 5 540 8 544	869 8 230 797 823 1 640 11 992
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	94 241	69 890	24 351
EXCESS OF CASH RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$( 26 875)	\$ 1 446	\$ 28 321
FUND BALANCE, April 1, 2003	<u>26 875</u>	<u>26 875</u>	
FUND BALANCE, March 31, 2004	\$ -	\$ 28 321	\$ 28 321

<u>ial Revenue</u>	
Actual Amount	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$ 24 017	\$ 2_098
207 15 417	( 745) ( 265)
39 641	1 088
<u>-</u>	<del>-</del>
22 302 13 835 —	34 190 18 272 -
<u>36 137</u>	52 462
\$ 3 504	\$ 53 550
50 046	
\$ 53 550	\$ 53 550
	Amount  \$ 24 017

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation - The major focus of a governmental accounting and reporting system is to show adherence to applicable legal provisions, and to determine fairly and with full disclosure the financial position and results of financial operations of each accounting entity within a governmental unit.

In accordance with the above criteria, the accounts of the Township of Nahma are organized on the basis of individual funds or account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for with a separate, self-balancing set of accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, equities, revenues and expenditures or expenses as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, into three broad fund categories and four generic fund types as follows;

#### Governmental Funds

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<u>General Fund</u> - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Township. It is used to account for all financial resources and transactions not properly or legally accounted for in another of the Township's funds.

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> - The Township's special revenue funds are used to account for proceeds of specific revenue sources as required by law or administrative regulations. The following special revenue funds are maintained by the Township:

Fire Equipment Road Fund

#### Fiduciary Funds:

<u>Trust and Agency Funds</u> - The Township's trust and agency funds are used to account for assets held by the Township as trustee or agent for individuals, private organizations and other governmental units. The following trust and agency funds are maintained by the Township:

Current Tax Collection Fund Trust and Agency Fund

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Proprietary Funds:

Enterprise Funds — Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises — where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned and expenses incurred is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes. The only enterprise fund maintained by the Township is the Water System Fund. This fund has been reported in a separate audit report.

Basis of Accounting - The cash basis of accounting is used by all of the Township's funds. Under the cash basis of accounting, revenues are recognized as received and expenditures or expenses, are recognized as paid. Accordingly, the financial statements do not reflect assets arising from revenues earned but not yet collected or liabilities from expenditures incurred but not yet paid.

 $\underline{\text{Budgets}}$  - The Township prepares annual budgets under the cash basis of accounting.

<u>Fixed Assets</u> - The Township does not keep detailed property records of nonproprietary fund type fixed assets.

Reporting Entity - The Township's policy is to include in their financial statements the financial position and activity of all entities or organizations over which they exercise direct or significant control. Significant control is measured principally by the Township's ability to determine the composition of the governing board of an organization, and by the amount of their fiscal and administrative policy oversight responsibilities.

#### NOTE 2 - <u>CASH AND INTEREST-BEARING DEPOSITS</u>

Deposits are carried at cost. Deposits of the Township are in three banks in the name of the Township of Nahma. Michigan Complied Laws, Section 124.91 authorized the Township Treasurer to deposit and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities, and direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States in which the principal and interest is fully guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association; United States Government or Federal Agency obligation repurchase agreement; banker's acceptance of United States banks; mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan; and commercial paper rates by two standard rating agencies within the three highest classifications, which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase, and which involves no more than 50 percent of any one fund. Michigan law prohibits security in the form of collateral, surety bonds, or other forms for the deposit of public money. Attorney General's Opinion No. 6168 states that public funds may not be deposited in financial institutions located in states other than Michigan. Township's deposits are in accordance with statutory authority.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 3 Risk Disclosure for the Township's cash deposits are as follows:

<u>Deposits</u>	Carrying	Amount
Insured Non-insured	\$	81 871
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$	81 871

#### NOTE 3 - GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

The Township does not keep record of nonproprietary fund fixed assets and, accordingly, the General Fixed Assets Group of Accounts are not included in the combined financial statements.

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#### NOTE 4 - GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT

The Township does not have any general long-term debt outstanding at March 31, 2004 and, accordingly, the general long-term debt group of accounts is not included in the combined financial statements.

#### NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAXES

The Township's annual property tax on real and personal property within the Township is levied on December 1, and is based on assessed valuation of property as of the preceding December 31. Assessed valuation, which is required by law to be 50% of current market value, is established by the Township and is subject to possible equalization by the State.

In addition to collecting their own taxes, the Township also acts as collection agent for all over-lapping governments in the Township. The Township's portion of the tax is collected between December 1 and February 28. Unpaid taxes as of February 28 are considered delinquent. Delinquent real property taxes are subsequently turned over to the County Treasurer for collection. The County maintains a tax revolving fund which permits the County to pay the Township 100% of the delinquent real taxes within approximately two to three months after the delivery of the delinquent bills.

The Township recognizes property taxes as revenues when received. Accordingly, no receivables for delinquent property taxes are reflected in the financial statements.

#### NOTE 6 - BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

As set forth in the Township Charter, the Township adopts annual budgets for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds. The annual budgets are prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting utilized by those funds (cash basis). The Township Board is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts within and among departments. Subsequent to year—end, the Board adopts an amended budget approving any transfers among departments or additional expenditures. The amended budgets are presented on page 8. All appropriations lapse at fiscal year—end. The budget was not amended in total.

#### NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

Nahma Township maintains a defined contribution pension plan covering substantially all employees and elected officers of the Township. Principle provisions of the plan require the Township and the employee to each contribute 6% of annual compensation to the plan and provide for immediate 100% vesting with a normal retirement date at age 65. The effective date of the plan was July 1, 1991. The total expense for the retirement plan for the year was \$1,877.

# TOWNSHIP OF NAHMA COMBINING STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS ALL SPECIAL FUND TYPES - CASH BASIS MARCH 31, 2004

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<u>ASSETS</u>	Fire <u>Equipment</u>	Road	<u>Total</u>
Cash	<u>\$ 36 203</u>	<u>\$17 347</u>	<u>\$ 53 550</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 36 203	\$17 347	\$ 53 550
FUND EQUITY			
Fund balance - reserved	<u>\$ 36 203</u>	<u>\$17 347</u>	\$ 53 550
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$ 36 203	\$17 347	\$ 53 550
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# TOWNSHIP OF NAHMA COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

Cash Receipts:	Fire <u>Equipment</u>	Road	<u>Total</u>
Taxes Interest and rentals Refunds, reimbursements	\$ 24 017 150	\$ - 57	\$ 24 017 207
and miscellaneous	<u>373</u>	15 044	15 417
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	24 540	<u> 15 101</u>	39 641
Cash Disbursements: Fire department Roads	22 302	_ _13_835_	22 302 13 835
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	22 302	13 835	36 137
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	2 238	1 266	3 504
FUND BALANCE, April 1, 2003	33 965	16 081	50 046
FUND BALANCE, March 31, 2004	\$ 36 203	\$17 347	\$ 53 550

## TOWNSHIP OF NAHMA COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CASH AND LIABILITY BALANCES - ALL AGENCY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND		ginning alance	<u>A</u>	<u>ddit</u>	ions	<u>D</u> e	educt	ions		nding alance
Assets: Cash	\$	-	\$	7	989	\$	7	989	\$	-
Liabilities:  Due to other funds  Due to other	\$	-	\$		588	\$		588	\$	_
governmental units TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$		\$		<u>401</u> 989	\$		<u>401</u> 989	\$	
CURRENT TAX FUND						-				
Assets: Cash	\$	_	\$	824	767	\$	824	767	\$	_
Liabilities: Due to other funds Due to other governmental units	\$	- -	\$		773 994	\$		773 994	\$	_
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	_	\$		767	\$		767	\$	_
TOTAL - ALL AGENCY FUNDS			-				<u> </u>			
Assets: Cash	\$		<b>\$</b>	832	756	\$	832	756	\$	_
Liabilities: Due to other funds Due to other	\$	_	\$		361	\$	54	361	\$	_
governmental units			<del></del>		<u> 395</u>		778	-		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ —	_	\$	832	756	\$	832	756	\$ —	_

## TOWNSHIP OF NAHMA STATEMENT OF BUDGETED AND ACTUAL CASH RECEIPTS CASH BASIS - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

Taxes:	Budget	<u> Actual</u>	Variance Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Current property taxes Delinquent taxes Property tax administrative fee Other taxes - Swamp tax & C.F.R.	\$ 17 165 1 282 7 149 389	\$ 18 234 2 294 8 366 381	\$ 1 069 1 012 1 217 ( 8)
State Grants: State revenue sharing	37 150	34 360	( 2 790)
Interest and Rentals: Interest Rents	342 962	106 575	( 236) ( 387)
Other: Reimbursements & miscellaneous TOTALS	<u>2 927</u> \$ 67 366	7 020	4 093
TOTALD	φ U/ 300	\$ 71 336	\$ 3 970

## TOWNSHIP OF NAHMA STATEMENT OF BUDGETED AND ACTUAL DISBURSEMENTS CASH BASIS - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

Legislative:	Budget	Actual	Variance- Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>	
Township Board and Trustees	\$ 4 300	\$ 3 431	\$ 869	
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General Government:				
Township Supervisor	4 600	4 077	523	
Township Clerk Township Treasurer	3 800 3 900	3 507 3 600	293	
Deputy Treasurer clerk	3 900	3 000	300	
and supervisor	900	834	66	
Printing and miscellaneous	900		900	
Assessing and equalization and				
tax roll	19 500	16 107	3 393	
Board of Review Payroll taxes and retirement	600 3 100	420	180	
Audit and professional services	1 150	2 388 540	712 610	
Insurance	12 000	11 466	534	
Elections	1 000	281	719	
Public Safety: Fire department, ambulance, hydrant rent	5 975	5 178	797	
Public Works:				
Street lighting	3 800	3 977	( 177)	
Highways and bridges	1 000	_	1 000	
Recreation and Culture: Recreation department and historical	7 180	5 540	1 640	
Other:				
Cemetery	5 000	3 949	1 051	
Township hall	<u> 15 536</u>	4 595	10 941	
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TOTALS	\$ 94 241	\$ 69 890	\$ 24 351	

# TOWNSHIP OF NAHMA STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - CASH BASIS FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

Cash Receipts:	Budget	Actual	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)	
Taxes Interest	\$ 21 919 600	\$ 24 017 150	\$ 2 098 ( 450)	
Miscellaneous	8_	373	365	
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	22 527	24 540	2 013	
Cash Disbursements:	56 400			
Fire department	56 492	22 302	34 190	
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	56 492	22 302	34 190	
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(33 965)	2 238	36 203	
FUND BALANCE, April 1, 2003	33 965	33 965		
FUND BALANCE, March 31, 2004	\$ -	\$ 36 203	\$ 36 203	

## TOWNSHIP OF NAHMA STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - CASH BASIS ROAD FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

Cash Receipts:	Budget_	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)	
Interest Right of way P.I.L.T. Grant	\$ 351 8 15 667	\$ 57 379 14 665	\$ ( 294) 371 ( 1 002)
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	16 026	\$ 15 101	\$ ( 925)
Cash Disbursements: Roads	32 107	13 835	18 272
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	32 107	13 835	18 272
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(16 081)	1 266	17 347
FUND BALANCE, April 1, 2003	<u>16 081</u>	16 081	
FUND BALANCE, March 31, 2004	\$ -	\$ 17 347	\$ 17 347
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## TOWNSHIP OF NAHMA ASSESSED VALUATION, TAX RATES AND TAX LEVIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

	Big Bay de Noc <u>Public Schools</u>		Delta County		Intermediate <u>Schools</u>	
State Equalized valuation	\$	24 395 935	\$ 2	24 395 935	\$ 24	395 935
Millage rate		20.1109		6.5719		2.4375
Levy	\$	400 067	\$	160 488	\$	59 525
Less - returned delinquent		32 513		13 251		4 914
Current tax collection	\$	367 554	\$	147 237	\$	54 611
Less - returned delinquent		32 513		13 251	· 	4 914

Bay <u>College</u>	Nahma Township <u>General Fund</u>	State of Michigan S.E.T.	Nahma Township Fire Fund
\$ 24 395 935	\$ 24 395 935	\$ 24 395 935	\$ 24 395 935
3.5000	.8140	5.0000	.9684
\$ 85 383	\$ 19 874	\$ 122 139	\$ 23 645
7 057	1 640	7 208	1 952
\$ 78 326	\$ 18 234	\$ 114 931	\$ 21 693

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May 10, 2004

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH "GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS"

Nahma Township Board Nahma Township Delta County, MI

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of Nahma Township as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004, and have issued my report thereon dated May 10, 2004. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Nahma Township's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit I considered Nahma Township's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my audit procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matter in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a

relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted certain matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that I consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to my attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in my judgment, could adversely affect the entity's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with assertions of management in combined financial statements.

The effectiveness of the Township's internal control structure is limited due to the general lack of segregation of responsibility for the receipt, disbursement and custodianship of cash. the lack of segregation is principally due to the limited number of personnel involved in the accounting process. However, the lack of segregation is further compounded because the Township has assigned all accounting and custodianship responsibilities with regard to the Township's Water System Fund to a nonelected Township employee. I recognize that in a small organization such as the Township, there are personnel, time and cost constraints that must be considered when designing an internal control structure that is both efficient and effective.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, others within the organization, Township Board, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Ray L. Payment
Certified Public Accountant